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SUBJ: ARTICLE IN WASHINGTON POST

1. FOLLOWING ARTICLE BY JACK ANDERSON ON CHARLES HORMAN
APPEARED IN NOVEMBER 17, 1973 WASHINGTON POST:

2. QUOTE: CALLOUS CONSULATE - AMERICAN FAMILIES HAVE COM-
PLAINED TO THE SENATE THAT U.S. DIPLOMATS IN CHILE TIMIDLY
STOOD BY WHILE THEIR LOVED ONES WERE MURDERED BY THE
MILITARY DICTATORSHIP.

3. COPIES IN OUR HANDS OF THE PRIVATE STATEMENTS GIVEN
TO THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE CHARGE THAT THE
U.S. EMBASSY IN SANTIAGO IGNORED THE DISAPPEARANCE AND
ABUSE OF AMERICAN CITIZENS IN ORDER NOT TO RUFFLE THE
EPAULETTES OF THE NEW CHILEAN JUNTA.

4. FOR EXAMPLE, MRS. CHARLES HORMAN, IN A MOVING STATEMENT,
DESCRIBED HOW SHE WAS GIVEN THE RUNAROUND WHILE THE JUNTA
WAS MURDERING HER AMERICAN FILMMAKER HUSBAND. CHARLES
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HORMAN, A PH.D. FROM HARVARD WAS DRAGGED OUT OF HIS HOME

IN SANTIAGO.

5. HIS DISTRAUGHT WIFE HAD A FRIEND NOTIFY THE U.S. CONSULATE THAT CHARLES WAS MISSING; ANOTHER FRIEND REPORTED IT

ON HIS OWN. THOUGH IT WAS COMMON KNOWLEDGE THAT THE MILITARY WAS HUSTLING PRISONERS INTO THE NATIONAL STADIUM, THE CONSULATE CONTENTED ITSELF THAT DAY WITH A CALL TO POLICE HEADQUARTERS AND A FEW CALLS TO VARIOUS PRECINCTS.

6. WHEN MRS. HORMAN KEPT PRESSING THE CONSULATE, SHE WAS QUESTIONED ABOUT HER HUSBAND'S BACKGROUND. AT ONE POINT, ACCORDING TO A FRIEND'S SWORN STATEMENT, THE CONSULATE'S RUDENESS DROVE HER OFF "IN TEARS AND NEAR HYSTERIA".

7. HORMAN'S ALARMED FATHER, EDMUND, FLEW TO SANTIAGO AND MET WITH U.S. AMBASSADOR NATHANIEL DAVIS, CONSUL FREDERICK PURDY, AND OTHERS. THE EMBASSY TRIED TO CONVINCE THE HORMANS THAT CHARLES WAS IN HIDING. NOT UNTIL A MONTH LATER WAS HIS BULLET-RIDDLED BODY PRODUCED BY THE JUNTA.

8. THE STATEMENTS OF THE TWO SURVIVING HORMANS CHARGE THE EMBASSY WITH "NEGLIGENCE, INACTION AND FAILURE." MRS. HORMAN DECLARES BLUNTLY SHE BELIEVES "RAPID, FORCEFUL ACTION BY THE CONSULATE AND EMBASSY "COULD HAVE SAVED CHARLES LIFE." SHE CLAIMS THE EMBASSY WAS MORE INTERESTED IN "POSSIBLE DAMAGE TO OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THIS NEW CHILEAN GOVERNMENT" THAN IN WHETHER THE NEW GOVERNMENT MURDERED AMERICAN CITIZENS.

9. SIMILAR CHARGES OF NEGLECT WERE MADE BY THE FATHER OF FRANK TERUGGI, AN ECONOMICS STUDENT, WHOSE BODY WAS IDENTIFIED DAYS BEFORE HIS FAMILY WAS TOLD HE HAD BEEN SLAIN.

10. IN ANOTHER CASE, ATTESTED TO BY A SWORN STATEMEN, A YOUNG PUERTO RICAN AMERICAN WHOSE VISA HAD UNCLASSIFIED

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EXPIRED CAME TO THE CONSULATE SEEKING SANCTUARY. HE WAS TOLD, AT THE HEIGHT OF THE KILLING, TO TURN HIMSELF INTO JUNTA AUTHORITIES.

11. STILL OTHER DOCUMENTS IN THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE PROTEST RUDE TREATMENT, CALLOUSNESS AND INEFFICIENCY BY THE EMBASSY TOWARD AMERICAN STUDENTS, CLERGYMEN AND TOURISTS. THE COMMITTEE HAS HELD ONE

SECRET SESSION WITH AMBASSADOR DAVIS ABOUT THE CHARGES.

12. FOOTNOTE: WE SPOKE AT LENGTH BY TELEPHONE TO SANTIAGO
WITH CONSUL PURDY WHO HEATEDLY DEFENDED U.S. DIPLOMATS'
HANDLING OF THE CRISIS. "FRANKLY I WORKED MY TAIL OFF"
HE SAID. ASKED ABOUT THE CALLS TO THE CONSULATE ABOUT
HORMAN, PURDY SNAPPED: "I DON'T REMEMBER THE DETAILS.
WE DON'T HAVE TAPES LIKE THE WHITE HOUSE." END QUOTE. RUSH

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